

upgraded on its Five Flags lateral line as an emergency natural gas transaction. Koch Gateway further reports the upgrade included the installation of approximately 60 feet of 6-inch pipeline; approximately 20 feet of 3-inch pipeline; flow computer; and a regulator to serve Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (Air Products), an end-user, in Santa Rosa County, Florida. Koch Gateway states that Air Products requested Koch Gateway to upgrade this meter station to provide the gas quality service to properly operate its plant facilities. Koch Gateway continues that these revisions satisfied Air Products' request for natural gas service under Koch Gateway's Interruptible Transportation Service. Air Products estimates that the maximum peak day volumes to be delivered at 40,000 MMBtu and average day volumes to be delivered at 5,000 MMBtu. The estimated cost of the upgrade is \$149,725. Koch Gateway transports these volumes under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP88-6-000.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-178-000]

MidAmerican Energy Company; Notice of Application

February 5, 1999.

Take notice that on January 28, 1999, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 401 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51102, filed in Docket No. CP99-178-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural

Gas Act (NGA) for a service area determination, a finding that with respect to the enlarged service area determination, MidAmerican is a local distribution company for purposes of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), and for a waiver of the Commission's regulatory requirements, including reporting and accounting requirements applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MidAmerican seeks a determination by the Commission to enlarge its existing service area northward to include the areas bounded by Clinton County, Jackson County and Dubuque County, Iowa. It is averred that the expansion of this service area would permit this service area to extend across state lines from MidAmerican's interconnection with the facilities of Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) near Dubuque, Iowa to its facilities interconnecting with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) near Moline, Illinois.

MidAmerican states that it currently serves 77 retail customers in the enlarged portion of this service area, and has an estimated annual load of 10,500 MMBtu to those customers. It is stated that while no facilities now need to be constructed, any future construction of facilities within this service area will be fully subject to applicable federal, state, and local environmental and safety laws governing such facilities.

In further support of its request MidAmerican states that the enlarged service area will embrace the natural reach of potential retail distribution service by MidAmerican in the States of Iowa and Illinois in this defined sector of MidAmerican's distribution system. MidAmerican states that each respective state commission, namely the Iowa Utilities Board and the Illinois Commerce Commission, will have jurisdiction under Section 7(f) to review such further facility expansions and enlargements located in their respective states consistent with the public interest.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 26, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural

Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for MidAmerican to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-187-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 5, 1999.

Take notice that on February 1, 1999, Southern Gas Pipeline Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP99-187-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities in Lee County, Alabama, under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the